



Crossroads Fellowship Christian Reformed Church Expectations and Behavioral Procedures for Children and Youth

*“Train up a child in the way he should go; and even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
(Proverbs 22:6)*

PURPOSE: To provide a set of guidelines and spiritual foundation upon which children, youth and adults can build a lasting relationship with Jesus, and to develop disciples for Christ within an environment built on love, encouragement and support.

EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) **RESPECT FOR SELF:** make good decisions; speak and act appropriately; follow instructions and rules; participate.
- 2) **RESPECT FOR OTHERS:** keep your hands and feet to yourself; use good manners and appropriate language; respect others personal space; respect the teacher or speaker.
- 3) **RESPECT FOR LEARNING:** respect what others say and do; be a good listener; pay attention; sit appropriately with your group.
- 4) **RESPECT FOR PROPERTY:** respect church property and equipment; keep it clean; place litter in garbage; replace the things you use.

BEHAVIOR STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES:

Student behavior is initially handled by the teacher, but can be referred to the Education or Awana Coordinator if behavior becomes chronic.

Standards:

1. Students will refrain from cell phone usage during class times. A teacher has the right to confiscate a student's phone during class time, if deemed necessary. Phones will be returned at the end of class time.
2. Students will demonstrate acceptable behavior, offering cooperation to teachers, acceptance of classmates, respect for church property and appropriate reverence to God.
3. Students will refrain from throwing balls against the windows, each other and hanging on the basketball hoops.

Procedures:

1. Corporal punishment is not permitted (spanking, pinching, hitting or abusive verbal discipline).
2. Students will be addressed respectfully by the teacher, in a private conversation, when possible, to describe the observed behavior and to explain the appropriate behavior expected in the future.
3. Parents or guardians will be informed whenever a child or youth misbehaves beyond minor correction or if a pattern of misbehavior develops.

4. A parent or guardian may be asked to sit in a classroom where misbehavior is an ongoing problem.
5. If necessary, a meeting will be held with the student, parents or guardians, the teacher and program coordinator to ensure behavioral improvements.
6. A student may be removed from the classroom at any time, if the student's behavior is threatening to the welfare of others (physically, relationally or emotionally). Re-entry will require a meeting between the student, parents or guardians, the teacher and program coordinator.

EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES APPLY TO:

- Sunday School: 3 years to 12th grade
- Early Teens: grades 6 – 8
- Youth Group: grades 9 – 12
- AWANA: grades K-5

I have read and agree to comply with the Expectations and Behavioral Procedures for children and youth programs at Crossroads Fellowship Christian Reformed Church.

I understand this form must be signed and dated by the student (age 5 & up) and the parent or guardian. The signed form is to be returned to the student's teacher or leader, in order to attend the programs sponsored by Crossroads Fellowship Christian Reformed Church.

Print Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____